

WHY DO WE ENFORCE TRAFFIC LAWS?

DID YOU KNOW IN CALIFORNIA THAT:

- In total, over 4,178 family members, friends & co-workers are killed and 30,253 are injured annually in traffic collisions due to traffic violations.
- Over 636 family members, friends & co-workers are killed and 88,033 are injured annually in traffic collisions due to speeding violations.
- Over 1,651 family members, friends & co-workers are killed and 21,096 are injured annually in traffic collisions involving the use of alcohol/drugs.
- Over 1,138 family members, friends & co-workers are killed and 22,877 are injured annually in traffic collisions due to not wearing a seat belt or not being properly restrained in a child safety seat.

There is a misconception that the California Highway Patrol (CHP) writes tickets to generate revenue for its operations. Nothing could be further from the truth. The CHP receives no funding from traffic fines. We enforce the law for one compelling reason—to save your life!

If you wish to learn more about our traffic safety efforts, please contact your local CHP office or visit: www.chp.ca.gov

California Highway Patrol
Dedicated to Protecting Californians
Since 1929

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security to the people of California. This is accomplished through five departmental goals:

- **Prevent Loss of Life, Injuries, and Property Damage** – To minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage resulting from traffic collisions through enforcement, education, and engineering. To enforce the provisions of the California Vehicle Code and other laws to prevent crime.
- **Maximize Service to the Public and Assistance to Allied Agencies**–To maximize service to the public in need of aid or information, and to assist other public agencies when appropriate.
- **Manage Traffic and Emergency Incidents**–To promote the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout California, and to minimize exposure of the public to unsafe conditions resulting from emergency incidents and highway impediments.
- **Protect Public and State Assets** –To protect the public, their property, state employees, and the state’s infrastructure. To collaborate with local, state, and federal public safety agencies to protect California.
- **Improve Departmental Efficiency** –To continuously look for ways to increase efficiency and/or effectiveness of departmental operations.